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## **County Board Backs Taylor Push to Restore and Expand Voting Rights**

MILWAUKEE – The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a resolution from Supervisor Sequanna Taylor Thursday calling for the restoration of voting rights for people on probation and parole in Wisconsin.

In Wisconsin, nearly 65,000 individuals are denied the right to vote because they were convicted of a crime and are still on probation or parole, even though they are no longer incarcerated.

"Today I was pleased to learn that all of my colleagues recognize the importance of speaking up and changing the narrative of voter disenfranchisement, and that they support the restoration of rights that are theirs as citizens and members of the community upon their release," said Taylor.

Taylor's <u>resolution</u> declares Milwaukee County's support for a state bill, currently in draft form, that seeks to restore voting rights to disenfranchised felons, and calls for a comprehensive review and revision of Wisconsin's sentencing guidelines, parole processes, and revocation processes.

The resolution also expresses support for efforts to reduce felony disenfranchisement, and for the reform of practices that disproportionately impact communities of color in Wisconsin.